

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

**The Organization for Strategic Studies
7125 Foothill Blvd.
Tujunga, CA 91042
CAL 000 272 936**

Respondent.

Docket HWCA **2006 1069**

CONSENT ORDER

Health and Safety Code
Section 25187

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Parties. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) and The Organization for Strategic Studies (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order (Order) and agree as follows:

1.2. Site. Respondent generates, handles, treats, stores, and/or disposes of hazardous waste (cathode ray tubes and universal waste electronic devices) at the following site: 7125 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, California, 91042 (Site).

1.3. Inspection. The Department inspected the Site on November 21, 2005.

1.4. Authorization Status. The Respondent has notified the Department of their intent to operate as CRT and UWED material handler under the requirements provided in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 4.5, chapter 23 related to the treatment of CRTs and UWEDs.

1.5. Jurisdiction. Health and Safety Code section 25187, authorizes the Department to order action necessary to correct violations and to assess a penalty when the Department determines that any person has violated specified provisions of the Health and Safety Code or any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant thereto.

1.6. Full Settlement. This Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged below. The Parties, and each of them, agree that this Order, and all of the terms contained herein, are fair, reasonable, and in the public interest. By agreeing to this Order, the Department does not waive any right to take other enforcement actions except as specifically provided in this Order.

1.7. Hearing. Respondent waives any and all rights to a hearing in this matter.

1.8. Admissions. Respondent admits the violations as alleged in Section 2 below.

2. VIOLATIONS ALLEGED

2.1. The Department alleges the following violations:

2.2. The Respondent violated the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66273.11, subsection (a), in that on or about November 21, 2005, Respondent disposed of universal waste electronic devices (UWEDs), including computer peripherals such as keyboards, mouse, and cartridges.

2.3. The Respondent violated the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66273.13, subsection (a)(3)(F)(5), in that on or about November 21, 2005, Respondent failed to ensure that all materials produced as a result of the treatment processes are properly classified and managed as universal electronic wastes devices.

3. SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

3.1. Respondent shall comply with the following:

3.1.1. Respondent has corrected the violations set forth above. Respondent shall operate hereafter in a manner that shall prevent recurrences of the violations cited herein.

3.1.2. Respondent shall make all payments at the time(s) and in accord with any other conditions set forth in Section 5 (Penalty) below.

4. OTHER PROVISIONS

4.1. Liability. Nothing in this Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondent may be required to take such further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

4.2. Penalties for Noncompliance. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may subject Respondent to costs, penalties and/or damages, as provided by Health and Safety Code, section 25188, and other applicable provisions of law.

4.3. Parties Bound. This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, consultants, receivers, trustees, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Order.

4.8. Integration. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this Order.

5. PENALTY

5.1. Respondent shall pay the Department the total sum of \$1,000, of which all is a penalty.

5.2. Respondent hereby agrees to send one employee to the California Compliance School, Modules I through IV. Attendance of each and every module must be completed and Respondent must submit a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion issued by the California Compliance School to the Department within 185 days of the

date of this Order. In recognition of this educational investment, the penalty imposed by this Order has been reduced by \$5,000 provided the employee satisfactorily completes the specified modules and the Department receives the Certificate of Satisfactory Completion within 185 days of the effective date of this Order. If Respondent fails to submit the Certificate of Satisfactory Completion as required, the penalty of \$5,000 is due and payable within 30 days after the 185-day period expires. The 185-day period may be extended by a Department Branch Chief upon a written request from the Respondent demonstrating good cause.

5.3. Payment of the total sum specified in paragraph 5.1 is due within 30 days from the effective date of this Order.

5.4. Respondent's check(s) shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, shall identify the Respondent and Docket Number, as shown in the caption of this case, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Accounting Office
1001 I Street, 21st floor
P. O. Box 806
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check(s) shall be sent to:

Robert Kou, Unit Chief
Statewide Compliance Division
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 N. Grandview Avenue
Glendale, California 91201

And

Ramon Perez, Esq.
Office of Legal Counsel
Department of Toxic Substances Control
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 150
San Diego, California 92123

5.5. If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1, and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

6.1. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Department.

Dated: July 25, 2006

Original signed by David De Mulle
David De Mulle
The Organization for Strategic Studies
Respondent

Dated: August 9, 2006

Original signed by Robert Kou
Robert Kou, Unit Chief
Department of Toxic Substances Control